

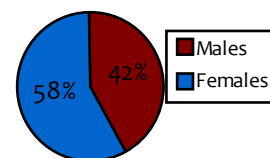


A Few Facts about Older Adults in Connecticut (December, 2011)

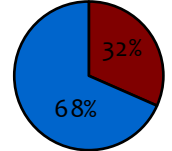
From the 2010 US Census

- CT has 506,559 individuals aged 65+, out of a population of 3,574,097.
 - This represents 14.2% of the population, compared to 13% nationally.
 - CT is 7th for median age (age 40, compared to a national median age of 37.2).
 - 2.4% of CT's population is aged 85+, one of the highest rates in the nation (national = 1.8%).
 - Connecticut had 930 centenarians (aged 100+) in 2010, and one supercentenarian (110+)!
- 26.9% of Connecticut's population - 960,000 people - are Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) and will turn 65 in the next 18 years.
- Of CT's 65+ population, 58% are female. Almost 70% of CT's 85+ population is female. And 85% of the centenarians in Connecticut are female.
- Of the eight Connecticut counties, Litchfield has the highest percentage of people aged 65+ (16% of that county's population), and Tolland has the lowest (11.9%).
- Of the 5 largest cities, Stamford has the highest percentage of people aged 65+ (13.1%) and Hartford has the lowest (8.9%).
- Connecticut's 65+ population is less diverse than the population as a whole. While 78.2% of CT's population identifies as "white," 90.2% of the 65+ population are white. (*US Census considers "Hispanic" separate from race).
- While CT's total population grew by 4.9% from 2000 to 2010, its population of older adults grew more quickly:
 - CT's population of Baby Boomers grew by 29%;
 - CT's population of people aged 65+ grew by 7.7%; and,
 - CT's population of people over age 85 grew by 32% - the fastest growing segment of our population!

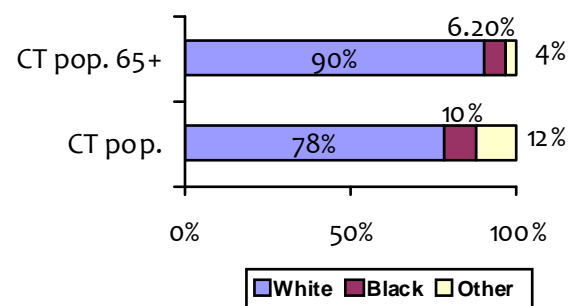
CT's 65+ Population



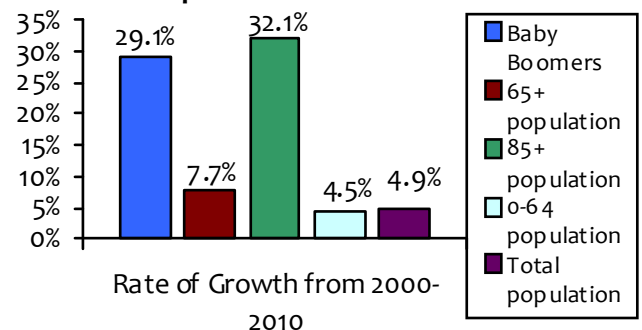
CT's 85+ Population



Race of CT's population*



CT's Population Growth



For more information, contact the CT Commission on Aging, at 860-240-5200, or check the web, at www.cga.ct.gov/coa.